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Please amend Claim 2 as follows:

2. (Amended) A method according to Claim 21 wherein the beverage composition has a pH from about 2 to about 4.5.

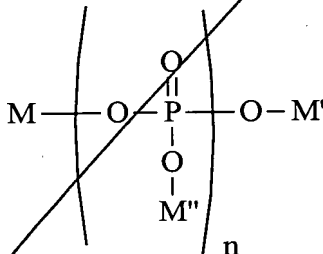
Please cancel Claim 6.

Please amend Claim 7 as follows:

7. (Amended) A method according to Claim 5 wherein n is an integer averaging from about 13 to about 25.

Please amend Claim 11 as follows:

11. (Amended) A kit comprising:
(a) a beverage composition having a pH of less than about 5; wherein the beverage composition comprises a compound having the structure:



wherein n is an integer averaging from about 7 to about 100 and M, M', and M'' are each, independently, selected from the group consisting of sodium and potassium, and wherein the beverage composition is substantially free of calcium and fluoride; and

- (b) information that use of the beverage composition provides treatment against dental erosion.

Please amend Claim 12 as follows:

12. (Amended) A kit according to Claim 22 wherein the beverage composition has a pH from about 2 to about 4.5.